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In re Application of Roger NITSCH

Serial No. 09/831,754

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

Fee Calculation						
Excess Claims						
	Nº of Claims		Excess Claims	Paid Excess Claims Of Record	Small Entity Fee	Large Entity Fee
Total		⊖ 20 =		⊗ \$9 = \$	⊗ \$18 = \$	
Ind.		⊖ 3 =		⊗ \$42 = \$	⊗ \$84 = \$	
[] Multiple Dependent Fee (First Presentation)				⊕ \$140 = \$	⊕ \$280 = \$	
Excess Claims Fee					\$	\$
Extension of Time Fee					\$	\$
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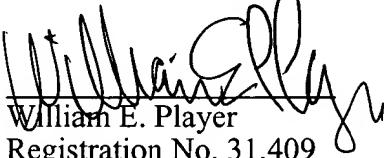
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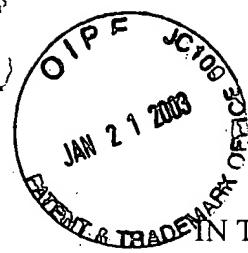
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This paper responds to the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed November 20, 2002.

Pursuant to the restriction requirement under 35 USC 121, election is made, hereby, to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 39-54, with traverse. Traverse is maintained because of the following reasons

First, traverse is maintained because the restriction incorrectly states that Group I, covering claims 39-54, includes claiming "a method of producing a new nucleic acid." There are no method claims among claims 39-54. Moreover, in addition to "an isolated nucleic acid encoding a protein" and "the protein encoded thereby," claims 39-54 include claims defining a vector containing the isolated nucleic acid, a plasmid containing the isolated nucleic acid, and a cell transformed with the isolated nucleic acid.

Secondly, traversal is maintained because Group I does not include the first method of using the nucleic acid, which according to the restriction requirement (sentence bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action) should be included in Group I.

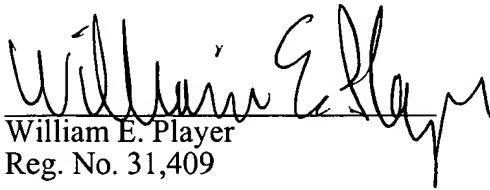
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Favorable action is requested.

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